

A G E N D A

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 1964

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PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 1964

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, February 24 and 25, 1964.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, the preparation of the Agenda for the Public Meeting, and hearing persons regarding wild life problems. Mr. Barrett requested better enforcement in the Chandeleur Island Area. Mr. Mahler requested that trapping season be closed on regular closing date, with usual allowance of 5 days to remove traps from the marshes.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, February 25, 1964, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present were:

A. J. Buquet, Chairman

L. E. Fleming, Vice-Chairman

John Paul Crain

Huntley B. Fairchild

James J. Frey

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Ray Whatley

Absent: None.

Chairman Suquet called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on January 27 and 28, 1964, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission members.

Chairman Suquet called upon Director Young relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Director Young stated that Mr. James H. McConnell had passed away on February 20, 1964, and that a resolution should be adopted in his memory, and all should stand as a mark of respect while the resolution is read.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Whatley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, God has called home James H. McConnell, long time public servant and dedicated conservationist, and

WHEREAS, his dedicated and conscientious efforts for thirty-seven years accrued limitless benefits to the State of Louisiana, particularly, Louisiana's fisheries resources and the people connected therewith, and

WHEREAS, James H. McConnell, because of his friendly personality, life of dedication, loyalty and love of his friends and family, endeared himself to all,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission expresses its deepest sympathy to the family and its sorrow because of his passing away.

Chairman Suquet stated that copy of this resolution should be sent to the McConnell family and to the press.

Chairman Suquet then called upon Director Young relative to closure of Grand Bank Reef Area.

Director Young stated that on December 19, 1963, Dr. Lyle St. Amant polled the Commission Members, recommending that the Grand Bank Reef Area be immediately closed to the dredging of oysters due to the excessive amount of undersized oysters being taken at that time. The Commission took action on that day since the next meeting of the Board would not be until January 28th and the area was closed, but this action was not ratified by the Commission, and he requested ratification at this time.

On motion of Mr. Whatley, seconded by Mr. Frey, the action of the Commission in issuing the following Order No. 63-2 was ratified and confirmed:

***KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That acting under authority of Paragraph (a) of Section 1 of Article VI of the Constitution of Louisiana of 1921, as amended, and Title 56, Section 6 through 526 et.seq.,

Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and for the purpose of protecting the natural resources of this State, particularly oysters, the following waters will be closed to the dredging of oysters until further notice:

All of that area known as the Grand Bank Reef lying east of Grand Island (Halfmoon Island) and west of Grand Pass, located in St. Bernard Parish."

Chairman Duquet stated that at the January meeting, it was announced that the Commission would consider closing an oyster seed ground area, but that studies on this were not complete at the time, and this matter was carried over to the February meeting. Chairman Duquet asked Dr. St. Amant if he was now in a position to make recommendations to the Commission.

Dr. St. Amant stated that they had considered closure of certain sections of the seed ground areas for the past two months; that they did come to the conclusion based on the recommendations of the Louisiana Oyster Sealers and Growers Association, the Chamber of Commerce of Plaquemines Parish and their own best information, which would be the best plan for the greatest number of people in the industry.

Dr. St. Amant stated that they had demonstrated by research that the closure of certain areas and the harvesting on alternate years gives us a greater production of

oysters. He stated that it was true that oysters can grow from an egg at hatching to a size which would be large enough to use in one year, but this requires optimum conditions of water, rainfall and proper weather conditions and usually it is about two out of five years that these optimum conditions exists. If the oysters are harvested on alternate years, the yield is greater because two years' production makes up for a poor season.

Dr. St. Amant also stated that Louisiana was one of the three or four States in the Union which produces oysters in quantity, and that Louisiana was the No. 1 State; that they recognize the fact that the oyster areas which receive protection from the State are doing good business while those who market only from the seed grounds will find that the crop will fail.

Dr. St. Amant stated that it was from this knowledge that they were making recommendations; that it was to be expected that there will be some people who will feel that this will not suit their purpose best. The system under which Louisiana operates its oyster production does not guarantee anybody will make a living marketing oysters from the natural seed reefs. Our system guarantees they will have seed, but they should plant these seeds on private leases, cultivate them, and then put them on the market.

Dr. St. Amant stated that they were recommending

the closure of two areas; that there were maps in the office, and invited anyone to check the areas. He stated that in this area being closed is also the area of Grand Bank Reef that had been closed two months ago.

Dr. St. Amant stated it was also the opinion of Mr. McConnell that it was impossible to successfully harvest oysters that meet the 3" requirement throughout this area; that we had considerable trouble in maintaining enforcement in the area because of illegal activities and because of limited number of people working in the area; that we would have better control of the area and any boat operating in this area would be doing so in an illegal capacity.

Dr. St. Amant also stated that any oysters taken from leases not in the closed area, on that side of the river, will come under the 3" law in accordance with the clause in the leases.

Chairman Buquet asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Savoie from LaRose asked if it was illegal to take oysters less than 3" from a private reef, or that a man cannot bring an oyster under 3" to the factory.

Dr. St. Amant stated that most of the people in the audience were familiar with the clause on oyster leases for oysters on the east side of the river. This law, rule or regulation was recommended by the oyster people, and this clause should be enforced as it is now in effect.

Mr. Savoie stated that Mr. McConnell told him that the Turkey Bayou area was exempted.

Dr. St. Amant stated that Mr. McConnell was not here to defend that statement, but that he could be right, as there were some leases on the east side of the river that were in effect before the clauses were inserted in the leases and they were not made retroactive; that the leases that do not have the clause will not be penalized.

Mr. Leopold Taliencich, Member of the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, the Plaquemines Parish Council, and other organizations, asked for the floor and stated he would like to explain when and how the clause got in the oyster leases, but Chairman August stated all leases could be examined if anyone wanted to see them, but the clause in the leases was not the question under discussion at that time.

Mr. Taliencich then stated that his group was in favor of closing the area in his Parish, and as far as the other area was concerned, they would not interfere with the workings in another Parish, as long as it would not be a detriment to their members; that most of their group worked in their own Parish.

Mr. August Pitre, President of the Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, stated his organization had a meeting

and it was recommended that the areas as outlined by Dr. St. Amant be closed; that it would be beneficial to the industry and to the fishermen; that if all seed oysters are destroyed, there would be no seed for the next year; that he was 100% for the recommendations to close the areas.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Whatley, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the following Order No. 64-1 be adopted, published according to law, and properly enforced:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That acting under authority of Paragraph (a) of Section 1 of Article VI of the Constitution of Louisiana of 1921, as amended, and Title 56, Section 6 through 526 et. seq., Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and for the purpose of protecting the natural resources of this State, particularly oysters, the following waters will be closed to the dredging of oysters beginning March 10, 1964, until further notice:

(1) Black Bay, in Plaquemines Parish, bounded on the east by a line drawn between Mozambique Point and Telegraph Point, thence along the normal shore lines of said bay on the south, west and northern boundaries.

(2) An area including all of the natural seed grounds bounded as follows:

From Mitchell Key light northerly to the Mississippi-Louisiana line, thence in a westerly direction along the Louisiana-Mississippi line to a point at the mouth of Pearl River, thence in a southerly direction across Lake Borgne to a point approximately two miles from the southern shore of Lake Borgne, thence easterly along the northern edge of the Louisiana marshes, including Bay Boudreaux, West Karako Bay and that part of Jack Williams Bay enclosed by the red line; thence to Isle au Pitre, thence southerly along the normal shorelines of the outer marsh to a point at Live Oak Bay lying west of Mitchell Key light, thence easterly to Mitchell Key Light.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to bids received on the boats "Constellation" and "Sprig".

Mr. Yancey stated that at the last Board meeting the Commission authorized the advertisement for bids on two boats, through the Division of Administration. He said that the Division of Administration did advertise for bids and they received two bids on the "Constellation", the highest being \$1,250.00. Two bids were also received on the "Sprig", the

highest being \$363.00. Both of these boats were offered for sale without engines, since these were previously removed and placed in other Commission boats. He stated that the Superintendent at the Wharf stated the prices were reasonable for these hulls, and he recommended acceptance of the high bids.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

BE IT RESOLVED, that the high bid of \$1,250.00 for the boat "Constellation", and the high bid of \$363.00, for the boat "Sprig", be accepted and that the Director be instructed to so notify the Division of Administration to this effect in order that the sales may be processed.

Director Young was called upon relative to audit report from the Supervisor of Public Funds.

Director Young stated that annually, the Supervisor of Public Funds audits the records of all departments in the State; that we are required by law to present it to the Commission; that the reports are public records and available to anyone who would like to see them as they are on file in our office. He said that copies were mailed to all Commission members.

Director Young stated this last report was a very favorable one - - one of the best reports in years.

Chairman Buquet called upon Mr. Crain relative to setting of the alligator season.

Mr. Crain stated that we should hear from Mr. Ted O'Neil on this matter.

Mr. O'Neil stated that there has been considerable progress made just recently in the conservation of alligators; that they are very valuable animals which are attracting world attention, and the very finest are produced in Louisiana; that the alligator and reptile trade was attracting Latin American trade which passes through the State of Louisiana; that several years ago, the Fur Division started out on an educational program to see how many people could be educated not to kill the young alligators; that L.S.U. made a survey under Mr. Glasgow, which proved that more time was needed then to force the issue.

Mr. O'Neil stated that we were in bad shape, but we have not given up; that we still had the State Refuges and North Louisiana where alligators are protected; that there are approximately 20 alligator raisers who have established ponds or reservoirs to raise them; that they get permits from the Fish and Game Division; that he knows all of the alligators are not raised from pens; people rob the nests in the marshes and the skins find a way to

the Skin Trade; that the people were not the only ones killing alligators in the marshes, as the otters will destroy the nests, and coons and bullfrogs will also destroy the young.

After considerable discussion, Mr. O'Neil stated that if a season would be established, he would recommend that we go along with the season we had last year; that we could try one more year.

Chairman Buquet stated - "You are recommending a season the same as last year".

Mr. Fairchild wanted to know how bad was the situation, and Mr. O'Neil stated it was ^{not} worse than the last 5 or 6 years; that if we would close the season for 5 years and really enforce it, instead of all the hunting going on, that probably in two seasons you would almost bring the population back to where it was before.

Mr. Fairchild stated that every report he got there were less and less alligators.

Mr. Crain stated that he agreed with Mr. O'Neil that we were in bad shape and he believed the only way out of it is to close the season.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the alligator season was closed for this coming year.

Mr. Book wanted to know if the season was closed in Louisiana, what about the skins taken out of Texas and shipped here.

Chairman Duquet stated that we had laws specifying that furs and skins shipped through the State have to be properly tagged.

Mr. Book stated that sometimes they found shipments with no tags and sometimes the people do not even have a license.

Mr. Irwin was called to answer that query.

Mr. Irwin stated the taking of alligators is prohibited as the law now stands, but there was one little omission in the law which is the word "possessing"; that as far as shipping from another State into this State, we have requirements that apply, not only to the shipment and consignee, but also to the Drayage Company as well, and under the law, we are in a position to take the necessary action against either or all of the three persons. We would just have to keep extra close watch. We have a means now where we find out what goes out of the State. He stated there was one case where the shipper had no license, the shipping company did not present us with any information, and the tags were missing, so there was a violation there, and we have enough legal means to take care of the situation.

Mr. Irwin stated there is a great need to check on the possession angle; that it should be put into the Act at the next session of the Legislature. He said he was sure that the Enforcement Division, if they had enough personnel, could check on this particular phase of violations; that it could be done and stopped to a great degree; that you run into interstate transportation and possibly violations regarding interstate transportation.

Chairman Duquet said it was his privilege to announce that a few weeks back some land was offered for sale to the State of Louisiana for Public Hunting Grounds for the future generations, and he called upon Director Young to make recommendations.

Director Young stated - "You are going to hear from others in detail with reference to this matter. I am going to make my remarks in general and we will be willing to answer any questions. The acquisition of this tract of land marks another step forward in securing lands for wildlife management purposes for the benefit of present and future generations of persons seeking outdoor recreation.

"Throughout America, we see increasing population, and it is estimated that the population of the United States will increase two-fold within the next 40 years. We will also see increasing demand for outdoor activities, fishing,

hunting, boating, etc. We will see shorter work weeks, better highways, increased wages and increased interest in outdoor recreation, which will result in tripling outdoor activities.

"While this is taking place, the demand for available land is increasing at a greater rate, and it is the duty and responsibility of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to plan now for the future. Available land is being acquired for industrial purposes, housing projects, power and pipeline rights-of-way, as well as many other land uses which accompany an expanding civilization. As the present trend continues, few places will remain for fish and wildlife unless lands such as this are secured and dedicated for this purpose.

"You have before you an offer of some 10,000 acres of land. You have that under consideration. This has a tremendous development potential. It will be the second milestone in wildlife recreational opportunity of a permanent nature in Louisiana. The first being Russell-Sage Game Management Area, near Monroe. This is another step for your consideration in the right direction, and I would certainly recommend to the Commission the purchase of the land, and because of the importance of this matter, please give serious consideration to the tract of land offered to the State.

"There will be three question asked - -

" First, -Is the money available? The money is available. It is in a fund that is within the area to cover expenditures of this nature.

" Second, -Does the potential now and in the future come up to that standard which can be developed to serve the greater number of people throughout the State?

" Third, -Is the Commission moving in the right direction towards establishing permanent installations that will insure this and future generations an outlet for recreational fishing and hunting?

"I would say definitely 'Yes' to all of these questions."

Chairman Buquet stated in previous deliberations they recommended that a check be made into the value of this land.

Mr. Yancey produced a map of the area showing location of the land and explained that it fronted on Catahoula Lake, Saline Bayou and Saline Lake. He stated that the Jonesville-Alexandria Highway will traverse the western edge of the property and that a private gravel road constructed by Hunt Oil Company presently runs down the eastern edge of the land.

There are gravel and woods roads that have been constructed to oil well sites at various points.

Mr. Yancey stated the area is interlaced with bayous and lakes and is occupied by stands of bottomland hardwood, which are primarily overcup oak and bitter pecan. Ground elevations vary from 40 to 50 ft. and backwater from Red River normally overflows over the land in the Spring creating an ideal spawning ground and nursery area for freshwater and commercial fish. Rainfall averages 56" to 58" per year and soils are the Mississippi River flood-plain type and vary from pure clays to fine silty sands. Drainage is to the southeast through Saline Bayou, La Vte Lake, and Red River.

Mr. Yancey stated the U.S. Corps of Engineers is to construct a canal from Catahoula Lake through this property to help Black River; that this project is being put through for the purpose of maintaining Catahoula Lake as a wintering waterfowl area. The Commission opposed the location of this structure below Jonesville, and as a compromise, the Corps of Engineers is putting this diversion canal in order that Catahoula Lake may be maintained as a waterfowl area. Water control structures will be put in this canal to control the level of the lake. As this levee is installed the upper part of land will be protected from back water overflow which will enhance the

land for forest game.

Mr. Yancey stated the area will provide access to some of the finest freshwater sport fishing available in the State, and in addition to fishing and other recreational uses, the area has a potential carrying capacity of approximately 1,000 deer, 30,000 squirrels, 15,000 rabbits and tens of thousands of ducks. It also has raccoon, mink and opossums and the possibility of developing a flock of turkeys.

Mr. Yancey stated the need for this acquisition does not need any elaboration. He stated - "We presently have tremendous pressure on the existing Game Management Areas. As many as 8,000 hunters now appear on certain Game Management Areas for the opening days of the hunting seasons. There is no question that this pressure for a place to fish and hunt will increase in the future."

Mr. Yancey read a statement from L.S.U. Forestry Symposium, which is as follows:

"Prophets of population expansion are predicting that there will be 300 to 350 million people in the United States by the end of this century. Students of working conditions are speaking in terms of a 28 to 32 hour work week by the year 2000. Per capita income is expected to double, and miles traveled per year per person will probably rise from four thousand to nine thousand annually.

"Forest lands in the United States presently comprise 787 million acres or approximately one-third of the total land area. Forecasts indicate that this percentage will gradually decrease in the future with the building of new highways, lakes, airports, houses, power and pipe-line rights-of-way, and a host of other facilities on existing timber lands. Taking all of this into consideration, little doubt exists that there will be a tremendous increase in pressures and demands for opportunities to pursue and take forest game well before the year 2000 - - particularly when we analyze the foregoing statistics which indicate a much more highly mobile population, nearly double its present size, having much more leisure time, and hunting on less forest acreage than is now available."

He stated that this was a very good statement of what the pressures will be in the future and the only opportunity that we have to plan for these pressures is to acquire land for game management purposes, and he recommended that this acquisition of land be consummated.

Chairman Suquet called upon Mr. Herring, and he stated he could not add anything to what Mr. Young and Mr. Yancey had said on the acquisition of this land. However, he wished to make some comments since Mr. Young mentioned the Russell-Sage Game Management Area. He said - "We have had that area under management for three years and we managed it on a wildlife basis and not on a timber basis, and our production of wildlife is greater. We had several thousands of people on this area. The squirrel and game was great. We killed 60 deer, which is a very good kill. By purchasing

these areas, we do not stand the chance of losing them. Heretofore, we have leased lands for Game Management Areas and we spent time and money in developing these areas, and when we get the area ready for the sportsmen to receive dividends, the lease is not renewed and the landowners decide to keep it for private hunting. When we own the land, we can do what we want with it. We can use some of the Game Management techniques and produce more game. If it is necessary, we can sell some of the timber to make some money.

"In closing, from a Fish and Game standpoint, I recommend the purchase of this tract of land. The economics of it, the recreational value of it will be immeasurable 10 to 20 years from now. We cannot go wrong in getting this land to advance our Game Management Program. The States that have an advanced program have satisfied sportsmen. Minnesota and Arkansas have such programs and are progressive from a standpoint of management."

Chairman Suquet called on Mr. Easminger, and he stated he had nothing more to say as the matter had been thoroughly covered. He said, however, as far as the revenues are concerned, the money will come out of our Russell-Sage Fund and that the expenditure is in line with the purpose for which the fund was established.

Chairman Buquet then called upon Mr. Irwin.

Mr. Irwin stated that the title to this property has been gone into and arrangements have been made to get the best possible title. The present owner of this land is Mr. Rex Callicott, who formerly owned approximately 120,000 acres with Mr. John Barton, and Mr. Callicott, by appropriate act of partition, has acquired this land and is selling approximately 50,019.08 acres. In the total acreage recommended for purchase, 1,340.28 acres are located in Catahoula Parish and 48,678.60 acres are located in LaSalle Parish. The price is \$29.00 per acre, or \$1,450,553.32.

An option is to be retained to purchase an additional amount of acreage, approximately 10,000 acres, at the same price of \$29.00 per acre and under the same terms and conditions.

Mr. Irwin stated - "I have prepared a resolution to be presented for your consideration and proper passage for both the purchase and the option. In order to insure that we have a good title, we are to be given a title guarantee bond from one or more title guarantee companies.

On motion of Mr. John Paul Crain and seconded by Mr. Ray Whatley, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION purchase from REX E. CALLICOTT the following described lands located and situated in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, Louisiana, to-wit:

LaSalle Parish - Township 4 North, Range 4 East

<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>
1. Entire	636.00
2. Entire	637.44
3. Entire	635.08
4. Entire	636.80
5. All East of Saline Bayou	170.00
8. All East of Saline Bayou & North of Saline Lake	140.00
9. All North of channel of Saline Lake	320.00
10. All North of channel of Saline Lake	320.00
11. All North of channel of Saline Lake	320.00
12. All North of channel of Saline Lake	600.00
13. NE/4 lying North and East of Saline Bayou	<u>40.00</u>
Total acreage	4,455.32

LaSalle Parish - Township 5 North, Range 3 East

1. Entire	630.46
2. Entire	648.99
3. All East of Saline Bayou	560.00
11. E/2; All W/2 East of Saline Bayou	400.00
12. Entire	640.56

LaSalle Parish - Township 5 North, Range 3 East (Continued)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
13. Entire	639.08
14. Entire	633.29
15. Entire	639.36
24. All North & East of Saline Bayou	320.68
25. Entire	630.00
26. All NE/4 North and East of Saline Bayou	<u>35.00</u>
Total Acreage	5,777.42

LaSalle Parish - Township 5 North, Range 4 East

1. Entire	634.68
2. Entire	648.24
3. Entire	648.52
4. Entire	645.76
5. Entire	643.68
6. Entire	644.12
7. Entire	641.40
8. Entire	640.28
9. Less and except NE/4 of NW/4	600.00
10. Entire	641.88
11. Entire	639.36
12. Entire	625.20
13. Entire	626.80

LaSalle Parish - Township 5 North, Range 4 East (Continued)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>
14. Entire	640.84
15. Entire	640.56
17. Entire	640.48
18. Entire	640.60
19. Entire	640.40
20. Entire	639.44
21. Entire	641.60
22. Entire	640.88
23. Entire	641.32
24. Entire	629.60
25. Entire	632.40
26. Entire	641.28
27. Entire	641.48
28. Entire	641.40
29. Entire	637.76
30. All East of Saline Bayou	520.00
31. All East of Saline Bayou	80.00
32. All North and East of Saline Bayou	560.80
33. Entire	640.40
34. E/2; SE/4 of NW/4; W/2 of NE/4; SW/4	600.56
35. Entire	640.80
36. Entire	<u>633.20</u>

Total Acres 21,545.72

<u>LaSalle Parish - Township 6 North, Range 3 East</u>	
<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>
24. Entire fractional	247.14
25. Entire fractional	400.08
33. All Lot 1 North of Saline Bayou	25.00
34. All fractional Section North and East of Saline Bayou	164.62
35. Entire fractional	320.29
36. Entire fractional	615.08
Total Acres	1,772.21

<u>LaSalle Parish - Township 6 North, Range 4 East</u>	
1. SE/4 of SW/4; S/2 of SE/4	117.31
2. SE/4 of SE/4 lying south of the Center Line of State Hwy. No. 471	34.96
10. Those parts of SW/4 of NW/4 & W/2 of SW/4 lying Southeast of Center Line of State Hwy. No. 471; E/2 of SW/4; SE/4 & S/2 of NE/4 lying South of Center Line of Louisiana State Hwy. No. 471	380.12
11. Entire except 5.76 acres in NW/4 of NW/4 lying North of Center Line of State Hwy. No. 471	632.64
12. E/2	315.60
13. Entire	628.00
14. Entire	641.52
15. Entire	640.80
17. All of said Section Southeast of the Center Line of State Hwy. 471	499.80
19. NW/4; SE/4; W/2 of NE/4 ^{W/2} of SW/4, NE/4 of SW/4	522.28
20. N/2; E/2 of SW/4; SE/4	560.07

LaSalle Parish - Township 6 North, Range 4 East (Continued)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
21. Entire	641.20
22. Entire	639.68
23. Entire	641.92
24. SE/4 of NE/4; W/2 of NE/4; W/2; SE/4	585.75
25. Entire	622.00
26. Entire	641.20
27. Entire	642.08
28. Entire	638.40
29. Entire	638.56
30. Entire	643.20
31. Entire	642.00
32. Entire	639.20
33. Entire	638.80
34. Entire	641.60
35. Entire	640.80
36. Entire	<u>618.64</u>

Total Acreage 15,128.13

GRAND TOTAL ALL ACREAGE IN LASALLE PARISH, LOUISIANA . . 48,678.80

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Catahoula Parish - Township 4 North, Range 5 East

6. W/2 of Section and Lot 6 and 8	<u>345.88</u>
Total Acreage	345.88

Catahoula Parish - Township 5 North, Range 5 East

<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>
30. E/2; E/2 of W/2; SW/4 of NW/4; SW/4 of SW/4	561.26
31. N/2 of NW/4; SE/4; Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9 (lots 1,2,4 and 5, fractional NE/4; Lots 6 and 9 fractional E/2 of SW/4 and SE/4 of NW/4 South of Bayou)	<u>433.14.</u>
Total Acreage	994.40

GRAND TOTAL ALL ACREAGE IN CATAHOULA PARISH, LOUISIANA . . 1,340.28

GRAND TOTAL ALL ACREAGE IN LASALLE AND CATAHOULA
PARISHES, LOUISIANA 50,019.08

in whole or in part, for the price and consideration of Twenty-
Nine and no/100 (\$29.00) dollars per acre. subject to the
following conditions, exceptions and reservations:

(c) The Seller will furnish the Purchaser with a title insurance policy, or policies, covering the lands purchased, issued by a company, or companies, acceptable to the Purchaser. The said policy shall be subject to the exception hereinafter set forth.

(b) Seller shall convey only such mineral interests which he may own in said lands, and the conveyance shall be made subject to oil, gas, and mineral reservations made by prior owners, and to all rights of ingress and egress for the purpose of mining and producing said minerals, and other surface uses of said lands as provided for in the deeds of record in the offices of the Clerks and Recorders of the Parishes in

which said lands lie that pertain to same.

(c) Seller shall convey said lands subject to all servitudes of rights-of-way for highway, pipelines and utilities, surface leases and any other servitudes of record in the offices of the Clerks and Recorders of the parishes in which said lands lie that affect said lands.

(d) No warranty shall be made by the Seller as to the number of acres sold, and the acreage to be acquired will be accepted in accordance with the latest United States Government survey. Should it develop by later survey that the acreage is more or less than stipulated in the deed, neither Purchaser nor Seller will be accountable therefor to the other.

(e) Seller shall not be responsible for any adverse title to any of said lands not disclosed by the records in the offices of the Clerks and Recorders of the parishes in which said lands lie.

(f) The warranty of the Seller shall be limited to the obligation to return the purchase price in the event of failure of title. The value of the land for determining the obligation of the Seller under such warranty in the event of failure of title shall be fixed at Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$29.00) per acre.

(g) The ad valorem taxes on said lands for the past three years, including the year 1963, shall be paid by the Seller.

Taxes for the year 1964 shall be prorated as of the date of sale, based on the assessment of the previous year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Messrs. A. J. Suquet, Ray Whatley and L. Richard Fleming be and they are hereby appointed and authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of this Commission to purchase the aforementioned lands, and to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents in connection therewith, which said deeds and documents may contain such additional conditions, stipulations, and provisions as they may deem wise and to the best interest of the Commission.

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On motion of Mr. John Paul Crain, and seconded by Mr. Ray Whatley, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION purchase and acquire from REX E. CALLICOTT, for the consideration of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) cash, the exclusive right and option to purchase the following described lands situated in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

Township 4 North, Range 5 East

<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>
5. Entire fractional	619.70
6. SW/4; SW/4 of SE/4 and lot 7	226.66
7. Entire fractional	560.70

Township 4 North, Range 3 East (Continued)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>
8. Entire fractional	613.54
17. Entire	640.72
18. All East of Saline Bayou	<u>560.80</u>
Total Acreage	3,222.12

Township 5 North, Range 5 East

15. Lots 3, 5, 6, 7	154.82
17. Entire	642.68
18. Entire	641.96
19. E/2; E/2 of W/2	481.26
20. Entire	641.48
21. Entire fractional	529.43
22. Entire	638.00
27. Entire fractional	631.10
28. Entire fractional	514.00
29. Entire fractional	595.16
32. All except Lot 1 (Part NE/4 of NE/4 North of Bayou) of fractional Section	603.28
33. Entire fractional	538.30
34. Entire fractional	<u>423.23</u>
Total Acreage	7,034.50
GRAND TOTAL	10,256.62

in whole or in part, for the price and consideration of
Twenty-Five and no/100 Dollars (\$25.00) per acre for a

period of six (6) months from the date of said option, with the right to extend said option for an additional six (6) months period upon the timely payment to the Seller of an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the 1963 ad valorem taxes on said lands. The said option shall provide for the method of exercising same; and said option having been timely exercised, the resulting contract to sell shall provide that the said sale shall be made by the Seller and accepted by the Purchaser subject to the following conditions, exceptions and reservations:

(a) The Seller will furnish the Purchaser with a title insurance policy or policies covering the lands purchased, issued by a company, or companies, acceptable to the Purchaser. The said policy shall be subject to the exceptions hereinafter set forth.

(b) The Seller shall convey only such mineral interests which he may own in said lands, and the conveyance shall be made subject to oil, gas and mineral reservations made by prior owners, and to all rights of ingress and egress for the purpose of mining and producing said minerals, and other surface uses of said lands as provided for in the deeds of record in the offices of the Clerks and Recorders of the parishes in which said lands lie that pertain to same.

(c) Seller shall convey said lands subject to all servitudes of rights-of-way for highway, pipelines and utilities, surface leases and any other servitudes of record in the

offices of the Clerks and Recorders of the parishes in which said lands lie that affect said lands.

(d) No warranty shall be made by the Seller as to the number of acres sold, and the acreage to be acquired will be accepted in accordance with the latest United States Government survey. Should it develop by later survey that the acreage is more or less than stipulated in the deed, neither Purchaser nor Seller will be accountable therefor to the other.

(e) Seller shall not be responsible for any adverse title to any of said lands not disclosed by the records in the offices of the Clerks and Recorders of the parishes in which said lands lie.

(f) The warranty of the Seller shall be limited to the obligation to return the purchase price in the event of failure of title. The value of the land for determining the obligation of the Seller under said warranty in the event of failure of title shall be fixed at Twenty-nine Dollars (\$29.00) per acre.

(g) The ad valorem taxes on said lands for the past three years shall be paid by the Seller. Taxes for the current year shall be prorated as of the date of sale, based on the assessment of the previous year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Messrs. A. J. Suquet, Ray Whatley and L. Richard Fleming, be and they are hereby ap-

pointed and authorized and empowered for and on behalf and in the name of this Commission to sign and execute an option agreement under the terms, conditions and provisions herein provided, which said option agreement may contain such additional conditions, provisions and stipulations as the said parties may deem wise and to the best interest of the Commission.

Mr. Rex Callicott, who was in the audience, was asked to stand, and also his associate, Mr. John Barton.

Mr. Irwin asked Mr. Callicott how much time would be necessary to consummate this agreement; that he had discussed this matter with their attorney and was told that if it was at all possible, it should be completed in 15 days.

Mr. Barton, speaking for Mr. Callicott, stated as far as they were concerned, they were ready and he hoped it would take a shorter time than 15 days.

The question of whether the purchase would be binding without a purchase contract came up, and Mr. Barton stated a contract would not be necessary and the deed would be passed based on the resolution passed at the meeting.

Mr. Barton said that until such time as this Commission had taken action the title insurance companies were not in a position to go ahead, but with the resolution adopted at the meeting, they could go ahead without delay.

There being no further business to come before the Board,
on motion of Mr. Whatley, seconded by Mr. Crain, the meeting
adjourned.

L. D. Young Jr., Director and Secretary

